

SUGAR EXPENSES VERSUS WAGE PAYMENTS DISCUSSED BY BISHOP

Head of Brewer & Co. Answers Claims of Japanese Laborers for Increased Pay

Have wages elsewhere increased in greater ratio than upon the plantations? asks E. Faxon Bishop, president of C. Brewer & Co., in conclusion of a discussion of the Japanese wage agitation.

The editor of the Hawaii Shimpo called upon Mr. Bishop to secure his views regarding the wage agitation that is being conducted by the Japanese press of Honolulu. Following the conclusion of the interview, Mr. Bishop wrote the Shimpo editor a letter confirming his remarks during the interview. This letter was translated and printed in the Shimpo, with editorial comment.

In this letter Mr. Bishop lays stress upon the high cost of material necessary for sugar production, the payment of bonuses varying from 65 to 75 per cent, prospect of high freight rates for the future, increase of territorial taxes fully 15 per cent, and the probability of a federal excess profit tax. The letter is given below.

"Referring to our interview this a.m., the following covers my statement:

"The Japanese press is loudly urging a higher scale of wages for plantation employees and the argument is based on the high cost of living. That the cost of living is high, we all know by personal experience. It is particularly hard on all wage earning classes and is felt by every element of society.

"Nevertheless, it seems to me an unjust thing to argue and try and make the employee class believe that they are not receiving special compensation commensurate with the prevailing conditions. The cost of things that we eat and wear, are not the only things that have gone up unreasonably in price.

"Everything in the way of materials and supplies has also risen skyward in price and in many instances in a higher ratio than the cost of food and clothing. Lumber, coal, iron, fertilizer, oil, sugar bags and freight rates are all abnormally high. Some of these items have increased 300 and 400 per cent and all of them are indispensable in operating a plantation.

"The Japanese newspaper's editorial comment discounts the bonus sys-

tem as being inadequate and lays much stress on the requirement that the laborer must work 20 days a month, in order to be entitled to the bonus. I cannot see wherein 20 days labor per month is a hardship. All of us who work at all, work at least 20 days per month on the average. This is less than five days of the week on the average.

"Do the Japanese papers know that if a man does not work 20 days on account of illness, it does not count against him? He may be excused for other good and sufficient reasons, if he has them. If the laborer receives a bonus at the end of this year aggregating from 65 to 75 per cent, it is certainly a matter of great importance to him and, at the same time, it means an increased cost for labor to the plantation, and the cost of its product at the sugar mill is just that much more.

"Again the laborer's bonus increases as the New York market quotation for sugar increases, i. e., the gross price. If it costs the planter more to make the sugar, if it costs him more for freighting it to market, if he has to pay more for war risk, marine insurance and commissions because of the high value of the sugar, all this has made no difference to the laborer because his bonus fluctuates with the gross market price and not with the net returns to the planter after all these marketing expenses have been deducted.

"With sugar at today's price—7½ cents, the planter does not get 7½ cents as very heavy marketing expenses have to be paid, but the bonus for the time being, to the laborer runs on the 7½-cent price. Therefore, it seems to me that the laborer is being justly and liberally dealt with.

"Again, in looking ahead, next year we will pay higher freight rates, now high, no one can tell, as ships are scarce and we hear of freight rates running as high as \$50 per ton across the Pacific.

"Another very important item is the question of taxes which the plantation bears the whole burden of and which do not affect the laborer's bonus. All territorial taxes have increased 15 per cent, federal income tax may also be doubled and excess profits' tax law is in course of being framed, so that it is a sure thing that taxation, as a whole, will absorb one-fourth to one-third of the plantation profits for 1917, 1918 and as long as war expenses have to be provided for.

Facts About Swimming Meet

Will be held at Naval slip on September 3, 5 and 6 at 7:30 p. m.

Sept. 3.—Nine events including 150 yard backstroke, featuring "Stubby" Kruger, world's champion, and Norman Ross.

220 yards for women—Entries: Claire Galligan, Dorothy Burns, Frances Cowells and local mermaids.

50 yard swim—Entries: Duke Kahanamoku, Clarence Lane.

440 yard swim—Entries: Norman Ross, Ludy Langer, Harold Kruger.

Sept. 5.—Ten events including 220 yard swim, featuring Duke Kahanamoku, Norman Ross, Ludy Langer, John Kelli and Harold Kruger.

50 yards women's national championship—Entries: Claire Galligan, Frances Cowells, Dorothy Burns, Gerd Horth and Josephine Hopkins.

100 yard swim—Entries: Duke Kahanamoku, Clarence Lane, Norman Ross, John Kelli.

100 yards for girls—Entries: Gerd Horth, Kathryn Law, Josephine Hopkins, Dorothy Burns, Claire Galligan and Francis Cowells.

Sept. 6.—100 yards—National championship—Duke Kahanamoku, Clarence Lane, Norman Ross, John Kelli.

880 yards—Featuring Norman Ross, Ludy Langer, John Kelli and Harold Kruger.

440 yards for girls—Entries: Frances Cowells, Kathryn Law, Claire Galligan, Josephine Hopkins, Gerd Horth and Dorothy Burns.

Tickets on sale at Hawaiian News Company.

PACIFIC PLAY SUNDAY.

The Pacifics will play the Hawaiian Garage baseball team at Makiki Field at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The lineup of the teams will be as follows: Hawaiian Garage—Wells, Scharch, Francis, Ross, Meyer, Morris, Cummings, Isaac, Chai, Silva, Berry, Pulawa. Pacifics—Avilla, M. Martin, Medeiros, Camacho, F. Martin, Cambra, Wong, Cabral, Jackson, Carreira, Reid, Perry and Melio.

These expenses will largely come out of profits and property, not out of wages. So long as war continues, we are only too willing to pay our share of the nation's war bill. It is a patriotic duty that both Oriental and Occidental meet cheerfully and on this account it is unfortunate that any attempt be made to spread ill feeling on the wage or any other question.

"The Japanese Press' agitation of the wage question, has not considered but one side of the present situation. In the foregoing I have tried to make it clear that there are two sides and that the planter's side is not based on selfishness and unfairness. If the laborer receives additional compensation this year of 65 to 75 per cent, as now seems likely, is it not liberal treatment when considered in conjunction with the large additional expenses that the planter is called upon to face? Have wages elsewhere increased in greater ratio?"

FICTION

The Dark Star—Chambers. Mr. Britling Sees It Through—Wells.

PATTEN'S

Hotel St., opp. Union

CAMPAIGN FOR RED CROSS NETS \$1655 IN WEEK

The War Relief Committee of Hawaii has the following report for the week ending August 25th.

The names of the donors are given in accordance with the usual Red Cross practice, unless there has been a specific direction to the contrary. Any donor not desiring his or her name published will please indicate to the committee, and the wishes will of course be respected.

Total donations for week ending August 18th, \$351.00.

Total donations for week ending August 25, \$1655.00, as follows:

Dr. and Mrs. James R. Judd, \$100

Myrtle T. Rogers, 25

Ira Eskew, 25

Fred B. West, 25

Mrs. Margaret MacDonald, 25

Friend, 25

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Alice Peacock, 25

Lieut. Cutchin, 10

Mrs. S. S. & Miss Grace Robertson, 50

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Mrs. Jennie Grieve, 25

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Edward and Eva Grossman, 25

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Friend, 25

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M. S. W., 10

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W. F. Dillingham, 100

Hawaiian Trust Co., 100

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Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Webster, 10

R. C. Walker, 25

C. F. Jenkins, 25

Will P. Thomas, 25

John H. Estate, 100

H. K. Bruss, 10

Friend, 1

G. B. Henderson, 5

ship Game, 40

Lilla G. Marsh, 5

Jack and Helen Benz, 10

H. Walker, 5

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Wilder, 50

5000 COMFORT BAGS COMPLETED

Five thousand comfort bags for American soldiers and allied troops have been completed and turned into the St. Andrew's parish house, states Mrs. Henry Damon, acting chairman of the Hawaiian Allied War Relief Committee. While the donations for the comfort bags are being sent to Alfred Castle, Mrs. Damon says that it has been decided to let those who wish purchase the bags in which they may enclose their cards. The bags will be sold for \$1, although the actual cost is \$1.13. As many of the bags, and a corresponding number of cards, may be secured as wished.

There are about 15 articles in the cloth and are 11 by 14 inches in size.

Contained in the bags are one handkerchief, writing tablet, envelopes, comfort bags, which are made of pencil, talcum powder, tooth brush and powder, cake of soap, pipe and tin of tobacco, cigarette papers; chewing gum, playing cards, shoe laces, tin of blue ointment, and a small bag in which there are needles, thread, buttons and safety pins.

Application for the comfort bags will be received at the St. Andrew's parish house on Monday. The bags will be sent to France for distribution just as soon as they can be packed.

107 BRIDGES ON NEW BELT ROAD

There are 107 bridges which are crossed on the trip around the island on the belt road starting at the corner of King and Nuuanu and ending at the same point, according to Fred Ohrt, assistant city engineer, who made the trip yesterday at the request of the board of supervisors.

The purpose of the trip was to ascertain how many bridges need immediate repairs in order that the board may figure on appropriations. As a whole, Mr. Ohrt found the bridges in good condition, although practically all need some minor repair. Nine must be attended to at once. There are none but what can support light traffic for some time.

At Kahana, Lae and Karuku at the Waikakalua gulch new bridges should be constructed. At the last place the iron is rusting away and the bridge is being supported by props. Other places where repairs are necessary are Punaluu and Waialua.

Mr. Ohrt's speedometer registered 84 miles.

HAWES WANTS TO FIGHT IN AVIATION CORPS

After he reaches Houston, Texas, where he had been ordered to report as a captain in the quartermaster corps, Frank Hawes may try and secure a transfer to the aviation corps, he states.

Captain Hawes, who has been employed for a number of years as a salesman for the Young & Young Co., was the first of the Honolulu officers on the reserve officers' list to be ordered to the mainland. The order came early this week. He did not anticipate the order and does not know why he was selected from the list for the Houston assignment. While not definitely informed, he thinks he may have to undergo a course of training in Texas. It is after he has had this training that he may apply for a transfer to the aviation corps. But he will not do so if he is ordered to France for service shortly after completing his military training.

CAPT. BONESTEEL NAMED FOR DUTY HERE WITH GUARD

Capt. Charles H. Bonesteel, Infantry, D. O. L., who has been on duty as instructor with the national guard on the island of Hawaii, has been named by the Hawaiian department to take charge of the office of militia affairs and to become senior instructor of the guard with office at headquarters in the armory.

Capt. Bonesteel has done efficient work on the outside islands, according to guard officers, and the appointment to this new position meets with hearty approval. Col. Charles S. Lincoln, who is to leave shortly for the mainland, was formerly in charge of militia affairs, and Maj. Lawrence C. Crawford, who would have taken up the duties of this office had he not been called for mainland duty, has been senior instructor at guard headquarters.

EXPECT 100 IN WAIPAHU GUARD

Bright and early tomorrow morning national guard officers will leave for Waipahu to organize the fourth of the companies to be formed outside of Honolulu.

Brig.-Gen. Samuel I. Johnson said today that more than 100 men are promised at the plantation and that a big turnout is expected tomorrow. As soon as the men are past their physical examination and have taken the federal oath they will be turned over to guard officers to be drilled in squads and platoons. The party will leave the armory at 8:30 o'clock.

WOMEN OF KAIMUKI PLAN RED CROSS SALE

Women in Kaimuki who are helping in the Red Cross work in making more than 1500 garments for the wounded soldiers are now preparing a delicatessen sale for September 8. Home-cooked dainties will be disposed of for the benefit of the Red Cross.

The women who have been meeting at the home of Mrs. W. A. Walbourne on eleventh avenue, in Kaimuki, is composed of one of the most active groups engaged in the Red Cross work here.

They spend three days in the week in sewing and making up hospital garments.

Mrs. E. A. Jacobson is the chairman of the committee of the sale.

MUTUALS WILL PLAY.

At a meeting of the Mutual baseball team last evening the club decided to withdraw its resignation which was handed to the president of the Commercial league. If the Mutual team is accepted, and it is expected that it will, then the Schuman, Coombs and Mutual teams will fight it out for the pennant.

DAILY REMINDERS

Wanted—Two more passengers for motor party around island, \$4 each. Lewis Garage, phone 2141.—Adv.

For Distilled Water, Hire's Root Beer and all other Popular Drinks try the Con. Soda Water Works Co.—Adv.

More than seventy per cent of the men examined in New York Saturday for the draft army passed the physical examination. Of 6,500 men examined more than 4,300 met the requirements.

The Bronx Board of Trade protested against the custom of "storing" elevated railway cars during "non-rush" hours on the extension of the Bergen Avenue.

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FONG INN

Nuuanu near Pauahi

For Sale



Puuui, \$2400—Either of 2 houses on Alewa St. One a 2-story, 2-bedroom house and the other a 2-bedroom bungalow.

Alewa Heights, \$2300—A two-bedroom house with a half acre of lawn. Beautiful outlook. Not a long walk from car line.

Makiki Roundtop, \$7500—A good residence lot containing an acre and a quarter, with a fine outlook.

Thurston Ave., \$3175—High, dry, cool, near town, near Punahou car line. 3 bedrooms. In first class residence district. A bargain.

Kaimuki, \$1800—A 2-bedroom cottage on Sixth Ave. Lot 75 by 200 feet.

Manoa, \$10,500—The finest lot on Oahu Avenue. Area 49,000 square feet. A 3-bedroom house with an excellent view of mountains and sea.

Kalihi, \$2250—Four lots with area of 21,064 square feet, on the mauka-ewa corner of King Street and Gulick Avenue. A fine site for a residence or a business location. Will sell lots separately for \$650 to \$800.

Kaimuki, 12th Ave., \$14,000—On the crest of the hill with a superb view. Known as the "Daggett Home." 55,000 square feet. A fully and elegantly furnished house, modern in every detail of appointment.

Kaimuki, 8th Ave., \$3500—A 4-bedroom fully furnished house on a well improved half-acre lot with many fruit bearing trees.

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